

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #74**

#### **Summer Announcement #66, Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Based on assessment information to date, the Chinook salmon run is poor. The Eagle sonar cumulative passage estimate of approximately 10,400 Chinook salmon through July 25 is well below the historical average of 33,800 for this date.

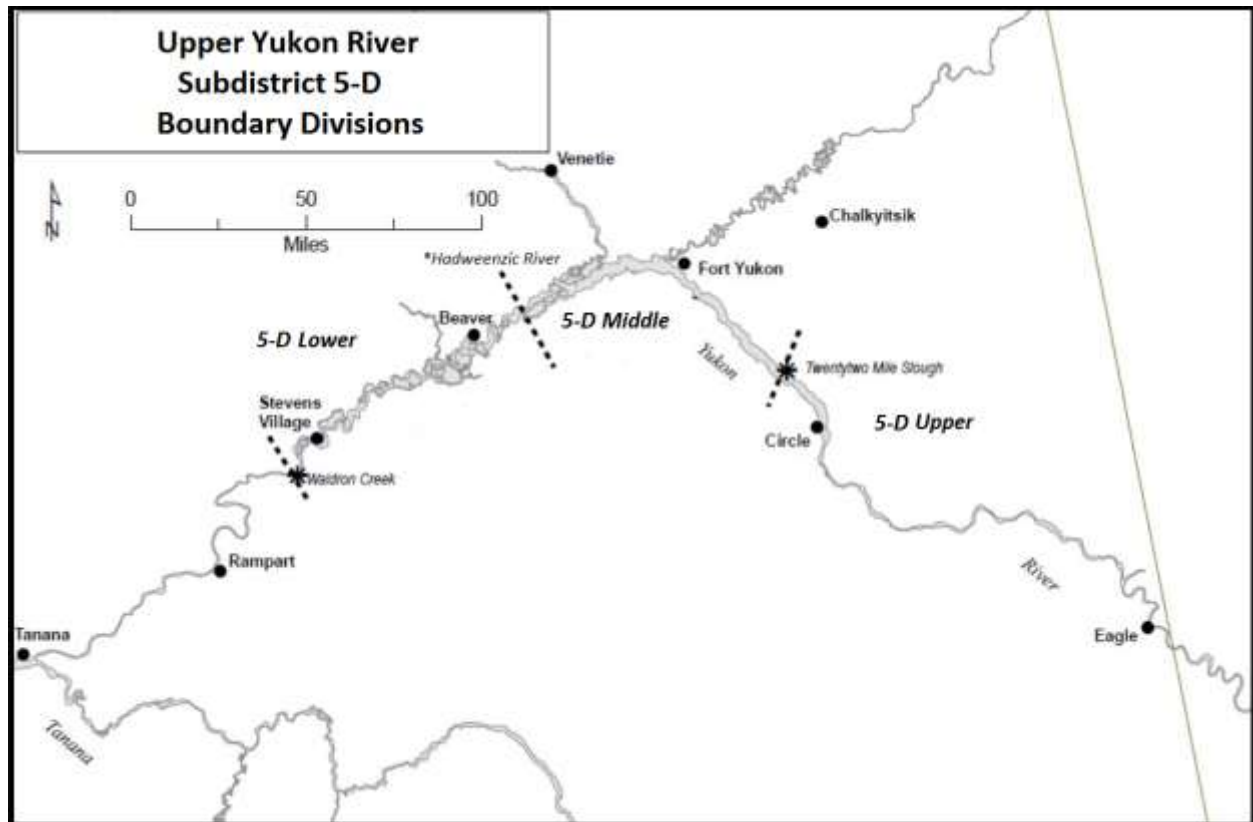
Consistent with management actions taken in downriver districts, additional measures are being implemented in Subdistricts 5-D in order to conserve Chinook salmon for escapement. In an effort to protect Chinook salmon as they pass through the area, subsistence salmon fishing time is being reduced in Subdistrict 5-D in locations where Chinook salmon are concentrated during their migration.

**Subdistricts 5-D Lower** (from an ADF&G regulatory marker 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the Hadweenzic River and including all adjacent tributaries): This area includes the communities of Stevens Village and Beaver. Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed. Effective 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 30, subsistence salmon fishing will return the standard fishing schedule of open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day.

**Subdistricts 5-D Middle** (from the Hadweenzic River to the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough and including all adjacent tributaries): This area includes the community of Fort Yukon. Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed and will remain closed until 8:00 a.m. Thursday, July 26. Subdistrict 5-D Middle will then be open for one 36-hour subsistence salmon fishing period, from 8:00 a.m. Thursday, July 26, until 8:00 p.m. Friday, July 27.

**Subdistrict 5-D Upper** (from the upstream mouth of 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border and including all adjacent tributaries): This area includes the communities of Circle, and Eagle. Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed and will remain closed until 8:00 a.m. Saturday, July 28. Subdistrict 5-D upper will then be open for one 36-hour subsistence salmon fishing period, from 8:00 a.m. Saturday, July 28, until 8:00 p.m. Sunday, July 29.

**Map 1: Division of Subdistrict 5-D**



The department will notify fishermen by July 31 concerning the subsistence salmon fishing schedule for each portion of Subdistrict 5-D. Fishermen in Subdistrict 5-D should stand by for short notice news releases regarding changes to the subsistence salmon fishing schedules.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistrict 5-C and 5-D from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the Dall River, and from the upstream mouth of 22-Mile Slough to the US/Canada Border. Subsistence fishermen outside of the permit area are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Calendars are available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

In District 5, fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller during open subsistence salmon fishing periods.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates are available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at (907) 459-7274 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at (907) 455-1845.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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